

## YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

- **NEVER TRANSPLANT NON-NATIVE PLANTS** into lakes, streams, wetlands or stormwater ponds.
- **CHECK YOUR PLANT ORDERS** for unwanted, and potentially invasive, hitchhikers (seeds, plant fragments, snails, insects, or fish).
- **BE AWARE OF THE REGULATIONS** regarding possession, transport, or sale of non-native plants and animals.
- **LEARN HOW INVASIVE PLANTS SPREAD** - by seed, rhizome, or even tiny plant fragments.
- **RECOGNIZE** which plants and fish are potentially invasive in our climate zone.
- **PROPERLY COMPOST OR DISPOSE OF** unwanted plants or fish.

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RELEASE**

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animals into lakes  
or streams

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For more information, visit  
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